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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
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**GROUP NO. 1651**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

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